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# READY

## Enroll in READY CAMP

A summer camp for youth escorted by advisors

READY (Responding to Emergencies And Disasters with Youth) is a five-day summer camp that provides training to middle and high school youth, age 13 – 18, escorted by advisors. READY helps prepare youth to respond in unexpected situations that require immediate action until additional help arrives. It also inspires youth to take action in creating positive solutions to real and local needs in their school, neighborhood, and community. This is completed through volunteer activities and community service-learning projects. Youth also gain skills and experience to prepare them for future health care and public service careers. The curricula has been developed by leading educators and emergency responders.

A listing of activities past READY Campers have been involved in are posted to our website at [www.citizenpreparedness.org](http://www.citizenpreparedness.org).

### Who attends:

Teams of students and an advisor from each participating school or community youth organization can enroll. Youth are allowed to attend individually, but team involvement is preferred. Teams will meet adult leaders and students from around the state.

### Advanced READY Camper Track Option

Youth that have successfully completed either a READY Camp or READY Class can continue their training by attending as Advanced READY Campers! Advanced READY Campers will assist the READY Camp Counselors in leading activities. Educational modules will refresh skills already learned and expand on scenario-based and hands-on learning. Visit [citizenpreparedness.com](http://citizenpreparedness.com) for more information.

### When and where is READY offered:

2010 READY Camps are scheduled for the weeks of:

- June 21 – 25, 2010 at UW Madison
- July 12 – 16, 2010 at UW La Crosse

### Now featuring for 2010!

- A new Wilderness READY Camp is being planned at Camp Birchrock in Rhinelander. Watch our website for updated information.

### What is the cost:

The READY Camp instructional and material costs are supported by grant funds and private donations. A \$50/student non-refundable deposit will be required to reserve space for your READY Team at the camp. An additional \$27 per day/student fee will cover lodging, breaks and meals which totals \$135/student. The READY Team is committed to assisting with raising funds to support youth who are interested in attending but are not able to pay registration fee. Please submit a letter requesting a scholarship if interested.\*

*Private donations have supported attendance of youth in past years. Assistance will be provided to help with fund raising efforts within your community. Payments can be made by mail or on-line at [citizenpreparedness.org](http://citizenpreparedness.org). Any READY Camp may be cancelled if funding is not received. If the READY Camp that you are registered for is cancelled, the full deposit will be refunded.*

*\* If interested in a scholarship, please send a letter explaining the reasons why the young person is interested in attending the READY Camp and state the reason they are not able to raise funds to support the registration fees.*



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### The READY program includes:

- identification and description of the hazards that are most likely to occur;
- reducing potential hazards in and around the home, school and community;
- describing students' potential role in preventing, planning for, responding to and recovering from an emergency situation;
- safety and injury prevention, First aid, CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training;
- emergency preparedness for natural and manmade disasters including crime and bullying prevention;
- Department of Military Affairs Leadership Development and Outdoor Ropes Course;
- career development with fire department, law enforcement, emergency management and health care personnel;
- community service learning projects; and
- mock disaster exercises.

*“READY Camp was a blast! We learned so much, are working on emergency preparedness activities in our school and community, and keeping in touch with kids from across the state!”*

— Allie Walsh, President, READY Club - Greendale High School

### Student benefits:

As a student attending READY Camp, you will be learning:

- skills that will help you respond (e.g. safety and injury prevention, first aid, CPR and AED training);
- knowledge about health, safety, and potential dangers in your community, school and home;
- emergency preparedness training including terrorism, crime prevention, school security and disasters;
- application of skills including teamwork and communication while working through emergency situation scenarios at the Department of Military Affairs Leadership Development and Outdoor Ropes Course and throughout the week;
- development in citizenship, volunteerism, leadership and advocacy related to emergency preparedness and safety;
- confidence in your new abilities and yourself.
- READY Clubs and School Emergency Response Teams (SERT) are being developed across the state in schools and youth organizations!

### Student advisor benefits:

As an advisor attending READY Camp you will select a team of students to represent your school or community organization. As your READY Team's advisor, you can benefit in the following ways:

- watch youth grow in skills, determination, positive attitudes and self esteem;
- learn how to build a school emergency response team in your district or community;
- earn professional development credits through UW-La Crosse;
- learn how to help your school and community be prepared for emergencies and disasters.

### The whole team benefits:

- Teams will be included in an international network to receive resources and information.
- As a team connected to the READY Program, you will be offered many opportunities to remain active and involved in service-learning projects.

### How does my school or community organization take part in READY?

- Visit [citizenpreparedness.org](http://citizenpreparedness.org) for an application
- READY Team advisors must be certified teachers or other qualified adults above the age of 21. Advisors must include a letter of recommendation from their school or organization stating their qualifications. A background check will be completed on all advisors.
- Along with the application, you must send a \$50/student non-refundable deposit. If the READY Camp that you are registered for is cancelled, the full deposit will be refunded.
- Once accepted into the READY Camp, you will receive a confirmation packet explaining further event details.

*“READY has provided opportunities for our teens to do very important work in preparing others and our community for disaster and emergency situations.”*

— Kimberly Schubring, Family and Youth Program Director,  
Bay View Community Center, Milwaukee

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